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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 56**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Ma**

December 4, 2006

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An act to add Division 25.5 (commencing with Section 25100) to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to public social services.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 56, as amended, Ma. Secretary ~~for~~ *to End Poverty*.

Existing law establishes various state programs designed to provide social services and health care coverage to low-income individuals in California.

This bill would create a cabinet-level position of Secretary ~~for~~ *to End Poverty* in California, and would provide that the secretary shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate. The bill would require the secretary to review the work of the state agencies, departments, and offices that implement and administer antipoverty programs in the state to determine whether those agencies, departments, and offices are operating in the most efficient and effective manner possible. The bill would require the secretary to submit his or her findings with respect to that review to the Legislature and the Governor. The bill would also require the secretary to report to the Legislature, on a regular basis, regarding any pending bills that may impact programs for the working poor in the state.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Division 25.5 (commencing with Section 25100)  
2     is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

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4     DIVISION 25.5. SECRETARY ~~FOR~~ *TO END POVERTY*  
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6     25100. There is hereby created in state government the  
7     cabinet-level position of Secretary ~~for~~ *to End Poverty*. The  
8     secretary shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to  
9     confirmation by the Senate and shall serve at the pleasure of the  
10    Governor.

11    25101. (a) The secretary shall be responsible for reviewing  
12    the work of the state agencies, departments, and offices that  
13    implement and administer antipoverty programs in the state to  
14    determine if those agencies, departments, and offices are operating  
15    in the most efficient and effective manner possible.

16    (b) The secretary shall submit his or her findings with respect  
17    to the review conducted pursuant to subdivision (a) to the  
18    Legislature and the Governor. The secretary shall also report to  
19    the Legislature, on a regular basis, regarding any pending bills that  
20    may impact programs for the working poor in the state.